Master of Arts in Anthropology

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ANTH 500 Development of Anthropological Theory 3
GRAD 544 Ethical Conduct of Research 1
Select one methods course integrated with the student's program of study in consultation with advisor.

Select at least three credits in a 500- or 600-level anthropology course outside the student's subfield of specialization (archaeology, socio-cultural or biological anthropology).
Select at least six credits from departments outside of Anthropology. The courses should be integrated with the student's program of study.

Program Total Credits 16-17

- A minimum of 18 hours of regular course work in Anthropology is required. This excludes independent study.
- A maximum of six credits of ANTH 695 will be allowed towards graduation under the Plan A option. A minimum of 3 credits of ANTH 695 is required toward graduation under the Plan B option.
- A maximum of six credits of ANTH 699 will be allowed towards graduation under Plan A. No credits of ANTH 699 will be allowed toward graduation under Plan B.